



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

EXILES - 1 Peter

1 What is something you get extremely excited about? What is it about that “thing” that makes you so excited?

2 How would you describe the difference and similarities between excitement, happiness and joy?

3 What's stealing (or trying to) your joy currently? If you joy can easily be stolen, or change, what does that say about where we are looking for joy?

4 Read 1 Peter 1:8-9. What does Peter connect “inexpressible joy” to in this passage?

5 How does the gospel of Jesus lead to loving him and belief in him that ends with joy? Does not seeing Jesus make it hard for you to love or believe in him? If so, in what ways?

6 Read 1 Peter 1:10-12. Why were the prophets and even angels so interested in what we now call the gospel or good news of Jesus? Do you think we underestimate or miss the significance of what God has done? What could we do to not miss it?

7 What are some challenges you face now that are stealing your joy? How does the gospel bring joy even in difficult circumstances or the things you currently face? How are Hope and Joy connected?

8 What will you do this week to set your sights on the one you haven't seen? As you consider the things stealing your joy, what happens when you stack those thing up against Jesus and what he has done and will yet do for you?

9 Pray together!

Requests:



1 PETER 1:8-12

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

MESSAGE NOTES

1 What's stealing your joy? _____

2 We have been _____. We are being _____. We will be _____.

3 This joy is set in the _____ character and work of God.

4 If your joy is set on something that _____ change, it is _____ change.

5 Set your _____ on the one you have not yet _____.
